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In 1992, a guest speaker asked God to prevent Congress from making deep cuts in military spending.

On July 25, an assistant minister expressed opposition to Clinton nominee Joycelyn Elders: "Lord, deliver us from a surgeon general who would condone the murder of unborn children."

Still, Kuiper claims the church isn't political.

"As a congregation, we are not in any way associated with any political issue," he says. "But as individual Christians, we have a responsibility to be good citizens and vote our conscience and stand up for what we believe is right."

Kuiper, 58, has lived in the United States 24 years, but can't vote because he hasn't sought U.S. citizenship.

"I am a citizen of the world," he says.

Village Seven church part of conservative group

Kuiper says he accepted Christ as his savior at age 6 in a Salvation Army Sunday school in the Netherlands. At 20, he was working as a shipbuilder in Australia when he heard the call to the ministry and came to the United States to attend Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Miss.

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"Horrible judgment will come upon millions of husbands who have been harsh, unkind, cruel with their wives."

Parents must discipline their children, to combat children's inborn tendencies toward rebellion and evil, he says.

Discipline begins at birth, with strictly controlled feeding schedules, and continues with the spanking of disobedient children. Girls are spanked until they are 8 or 9, and boys are spanked until they are 14 or 15.

"When my children disobeyed, I would lay into them," Kuiper says. "They've had bruises on the place that God very marvelously provided for them to have bruises on. . . . It's better for children to have a bruise, which will go away in a short time, than to have children wind up as juvenile delinquents."

Although such discipline goes against the grain in today's society, Kuiper believes it and other expressions of what he calls commitment and obedience to God's will can help turn the tide of immorality that is engulfing American society.

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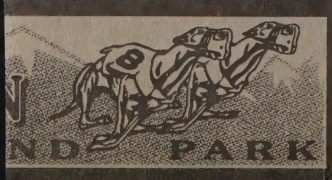

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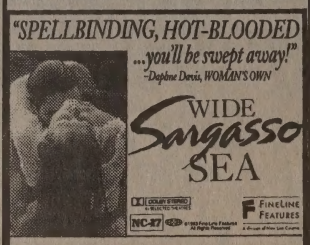

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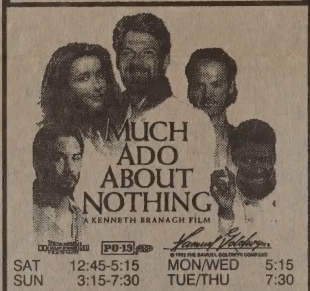

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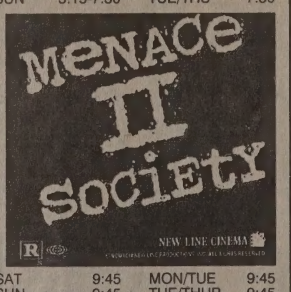

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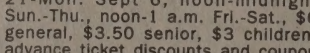

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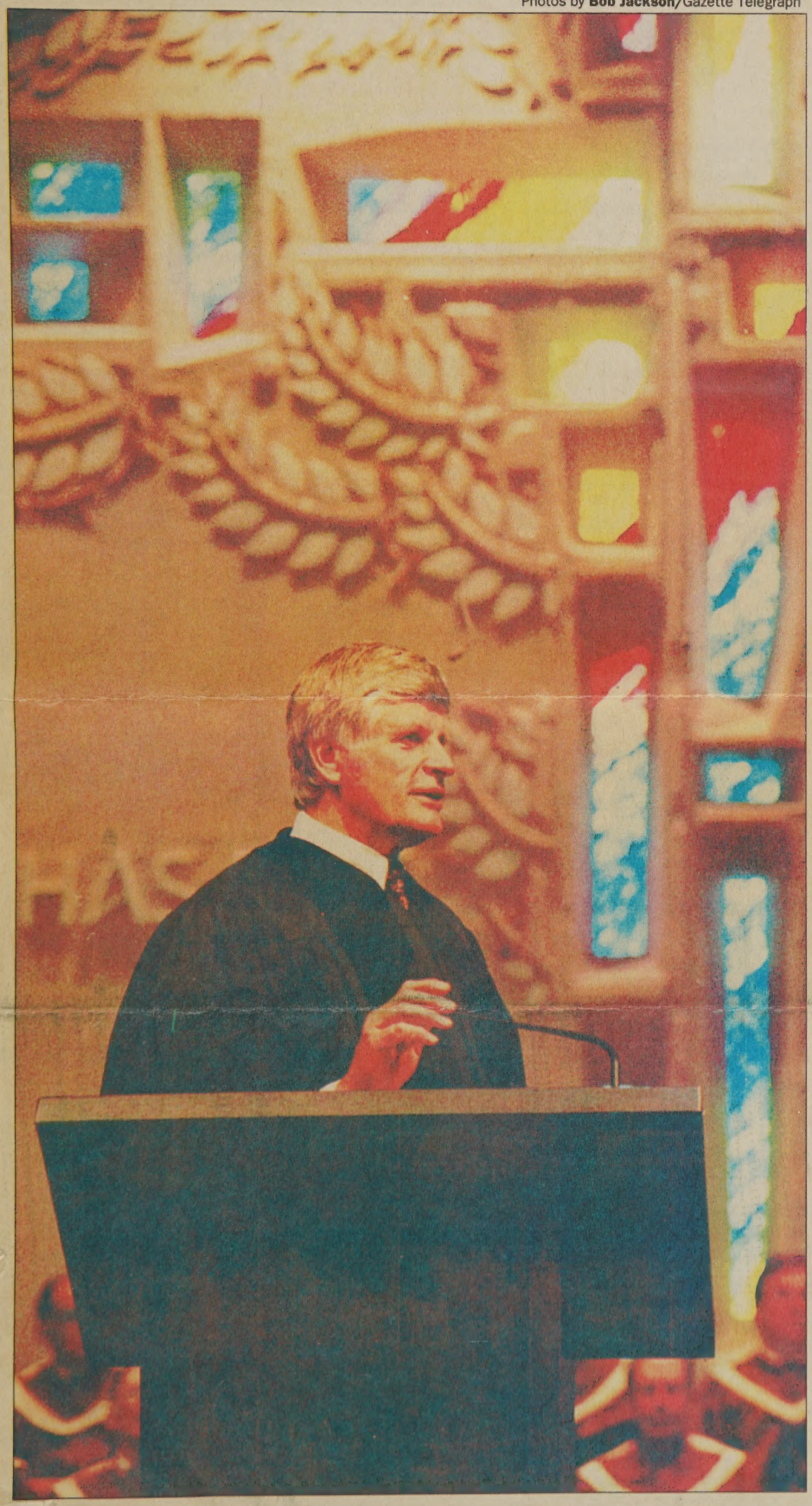

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The weeklong Gay and Lesbian Softball World Series has been set for August 1994 at Madison's Cedar Hill Park and two other local fields, but the churches hoped the petitions would persuade the Metro Parks and Recreation Board to reverse its decision to allow the tournament.

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To understand this play, it helps to know that it was written by a Polish actor and writer now known as Pope John Paul II. This equation also works in reverse, said the Rev. Lorenzo Albacete of the John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C. The pope is easier to understand after reading his plays.

"To understand the vision of John Paul II, you have to start with the vision of the young Karol Wojtyla, back before he carried the burden of being the pope. . . . His plays offer us an opportunity to do this," Albacete said.

— mercy, love, sacrifice, sex and marriage — also dominate his plays. Yet few Americans know about these works.

"In America, many people mock the pope wherever he goes as an enemy of human enlightenment and progress. Yet in Eastern Europe, he is greeted by many intellectuals as a poet, a voice of freedom and as a mind of towering stature," Albacete said. "This is ironic, to say the least. . . . It has been said that when history and conscience collide, then poets become revolutionaries. This pope is a poet, and, today, that makes him a

and during World War II, ar continued writi he w elected pope.

"The Jeweler's Shop" foll a pattern of six stages that be see throughout his writin Albacete said.

In stage one, the character face a crisis. In stage two, th are tempted to avoid making decision. "The characters are not forced to decide. They ar free. But they are forced to r ize that not to take a stand is same thing as to take a stand not make a decision is to mak decision," said Albacete.

In stage three, the charact

RELIGION CALENDAR

MUSIC

Larnelle Harris, "Larnelle & Friends" concert sponsored by International Bible Society, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21, Pikes Peak Center; tickets, $10 and $12, at center box office, Ticketmaster outlets, Lord's Vineyard, Sonshine Florist and Gifts.

The Cooleys, "A Time for Refreshing" concert by family gospel-music group from Wichita, Kan., 10:30 a.m. Sunday, New Hope in the Rockies, 829 S. Hancock Ave.

MEETINGS

Gospel meeting, "Back to the Basics," with evangelist S.T.W. Gibbs III of Richardson, Texas; morning service, 10 a.m. Sunday; dinner, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; afternoon service, 2:45 p.m., Lakeside Church of Christ, 603 S. Hancock Ave., 630-0519.

Saturday Women's Aglow Fellowship, "Lifestyles of the Righteous and Forgiven" by Cindy Murphy, 9 a.m. Aug. 21, Satellite Hotel, Airport Road and Academy Boulevard; $5.50, including breakfast; reservations due Friday, 578-8158 or 593-0735.

CLASSES/ WORKSHOPS

"Great Dinosaur Hunt," back-to-school vacation Bible school for ages 4 years through seventh grade, 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Freedom Baptist Church, 627 E. Uintah St.; 635-1826.

"Clowning as a Healing Art," presented by Franciscan Family Wellness Program, Inc., 9 a.m. Aug. 21 and/or Aug. 28, $10 per session, $18 both sessions, Mount St. Francis, 7665 Assisi Heights, 598-5486, Ext. 125.

SPEAKERS

Ellen Parsley, administrator and minister from World Harvest Church, Columbus, Ohio, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Grace Fellowship Church, 505 Castle Road, 632-1800.

MISCELLANEOUS

World Youth Day will be covered by VISN (Vision Interfaith Satellite Network, Cablevision channel 51). The network will air portions of World Youth Day events with Pope John Paul II, including concluding Mass, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday; and wrap-up special, 7 p.m. Sunday.

Installation of Rick Trimble as congregational leader of Remnant of Israel Messianic Jewish Synagogue, 10 a.m. Aug. 21, Grace Bible Church, 6060 Hollow Tree Court; potluck cold buffet to follow (take salad, dessert or finger food to share); 599-3807.

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